

Committee Members Present: Vice-Chairman John Johnson, Village of Sturtevant Administrator Mary Cole, Village of Mt. Pleasant Interim Administrator Tim Zarzecki and Village of Mt. Pleasant Trustee Sonny Havn.

Committee Members Absent: Rick McCluskey.

Village Board Members Present: Gary Feest and John Hewitt.

Staff Members to the Board: South Shore Interim Fire Chief Mark Pierce.

Guests: Daryl Lynaugh and Ken Ottawaska.
Heather Asiyanbi from the Mt. Pleasant Patch.
Allison Bauter from The Journal Times.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. by John Johnson.

Please note Village of Mt. Pleasant Interim Administrator Tim Zarecki is running late.

John Johnson stated there is a quorum with himself, Mary Cole and Sonny Havn.

2. Approval of January 3, 2013 Minutes: Motioned by Mary Cole, seconded by John Johnson. Sonny Havn abstained. **Motion passed. Voice vote 2-0.**

3. Operational Report: Interim Fire Chief Mark Pierce distributed the staffing spreadsheets for the months of January and February and stated that all stations are fully staffed. Chief Pierce also distributed the Run Data Report which indicates the total number of calls to date is 590.

Please note that at 4:11 Tim Zarzecki arrived at the meeting.

Chief Pierce stated that two (2) new members started on February 18, 2013. Chief Pierce said that they have gone through two (2) weeks of training and they have been assigned to C Shift. Chief Pierce said they are the retirement fills.

Chief Pierce said the other two (2) hires that were approved are in the background check process. Chief Pierce said the Mt. Pleasant Police Department is finishing up on that and the reports should be ready shortly. Chief Pierce said they should on board late March or early April.

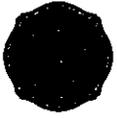
Chief Pierce said that at this time we have one (1) person off work on illness/injury, two (2) people off work on workers compensation and two (2) additional vacancies and the Fire Chief's vacancy.

Chief Pierce said that in regards to the apparatus update we have had problems with our ambulance breakdowns however things have quieted down a little bit.

4. Ambulance Update: Chief Pierce said the Finance, Legal, License Committee did authorize the South Shore Fire Department to put out bids for a new ambulance and bids to remount ambulances. Chief Pierce said that B/C Jon Keiser is running that project and Chief Pierce asked him (B/C Keiser) to look into leasing options as well. Chief Pierce said the bids should be going out in the near future.

Mary Cole said that she would like to encourage the Mt. Pleasant Trustees to consider this purchase and both communities did budget for this. Mary Cole would like to see this move forward.

Sonny Havn said the same goes for Mt. Pleasant and would like this to move forward as quickly as possible.



Mary Cole asked when the soonest an ambulance would be here?

Chief Pierce said that it depends, a remount could take up to a couple of months and a new ambulance could take up to six (6) months.

5. 2014 CIP Requests: Chief Pierce there has been no change. Chief Pierce further explained that you may see two (2) ambulance requests next year depending on how our ambulance issue goes. Chief Pierce said that he informed the Finance, Legal, License Committee that the newest ambulances are eight (8) years old. Chief Pierce said that the South Shore Fire Department has three (3) of those and the life expectancy is ten (10) years.

Chief Pierce said that we have to keep in mind that when a new Fire Chief comes onboard this is subject to change.

Mary Cole asked where we are in the process of hiring a new Fire Chief?

Chief Pierce said that the application process closed February 8, 2013. Chief Pierce said the Police and Fire Commission met and went through the applications and narrowed it down. Chief Pierce said on March 23, 2013 the Police and Fire Commission are conducting interviews and assessment center at the Mt. Pleasant Village Hall. Chief Pierce said we should have a new Fire Chief by mid to late April.

6. Public comments and discussions: Mary Cole wanted to bring up an Article that was in the patch on February 21, 2013. Mary Cole stated she was able to go through the records for Sturtevant because she wanted to know if this statement was indeed true and she did a lot of investigation on this. Mary Cole said a Trustee from Mt. Pleasant Jerry Garski said that Sturtevant declined the remount. Mary Cole said we never did. Mary Cole said the only place that went was the Oversight Committee. Mary Cole said the Oversight Committee felt that they just wanted the fire department's opinion on that and whether or not that was safe or not, they didn't go beyond that. Mary Cole said that just for the record Sturtevant never declined remounts (Sturtevant Village Board) it never got to the point where they had the option to decide (shoot it down or approve it) and she wanted that to be known for the record.

7. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at Village of Mt. Pleasant, B108 Community Room 2 located at 8811 Campus Drive, Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406.

8. Adjournment: Motioned by Sonny Havn, seconded by Mary Cole. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.
Motion passed. Voice Vote 4-0.